

MURPHY BOOSTING HART'S CANDIDACY

Using Kling as Bait for Votes
Against Heydler in League
Election.

MONEY WILL TALK IN THE LONG RUN

New York in Position to Offer
Most for Cubs' Great
Catcher.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Still as mysterious as when he arrived here on Wednesday, Charles W. Murphy, owner of the deposed Cubs, refused yesterday to say anything about his present visit to New York other than that he is here for business reasons. But close students of baseball politics, who keep in touch with National League affairs, say Murphy is here in the interest of James A. Hart's candidacy for the presidency of the National League.

Not that Murphy is opposed to John A. Heydler, Oh, no. Didn't Frank Chance's "right-hand man" say only a short time ago that Heydler is an estimable gentleman, and some more things just as pleasing? Sure he did. Murphy is on record with those remarks, but all the same he is out after Heydler's scalp and he'll get it if he can make New York, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, and St. Louis vote as he himself votes.

Kling As Bait.
Men wise in the knowledge of the doings of baseball magnates think Murphy is using Johnny Kling as a means toward getting at least New York, Brooklyn, and St. Louis to string along with the Hart boom. That is to say, Murphy is trying to make each of these three clubs think it has a chance to get Kling provided it will support Jim Hart for the National League presidency.

Murphy knows better than anybody else that Kling never will throw another ball for the Cubs. He knows that Kling now is practically an outlaw, the catcher having played in Chicago this fall with the professional club in defiance of baseball law, and also that it will take the unanimous vote of the national commission to restore Kling to good standing.

While it is almost certain that Kling will be reinstated when he makes application to the commission, Murphy wants to do a great deal of wire-pulling to have the club in which Kling played, Ban Johnson, president of the National League, is not on the best of terms with Murphy, and Ban could hold up Kling's re-entrance into organized baseball if he so desired.

But with all this knowledge in his possession Murphy is working the Kling game on New York, Brooklyn, and St. Louis for all it is worth, and the prospects are that while New York ultimately will get the great catcher, there is little likelihood of the transfer being made until after the election of the president of the National League.

Maybe Murphy thinks the three clubs with which he is dickering about Kling are not onto his game. But little thing like that wouldn't faze Murphy. Murphy yesterday had another conference with John T. Brush, owner of the Giants, but what passed between them no one knows. Brush is uncommunicative, and he is onto Murphy's game, he will say nothing about the question of the National League presidency.

Brush is in position to offer more money for Kling than any other club in the league, and he knows that whether Heydler is elected or defeated the New York club can afford to pay handsomely for the great catcher's transfer to this city. Any money will talk when the time comes to make it talk.

Dickering With Ebbetts.
Murphy also saw Charles H. Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn club, yesterday. Ebbetts last night refused to say what the topic of conversation was whether it was the National League presidency or the transfer of Kling to the Superbas. Ebbetts thinks he has a prior claim on Kling's services if the

CLIMATE AT NORFOLK SUITED TO TRAINING

Great Place for Garden Sash and Ball Teams, According to Weather Reports—Young Britt Wearies Fight Fans.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

"Safe and sane" is to be the motto of the Washington baseball management on the training question while in the South this year, but nonetheless the trip will be an experiment. It is a good bet that Norfolk will be the place selected, and that will furnish interesting food for the fans because of the radical switch from Texas. Norfolk is famous for its mild and generally delightful spring climate. Around it is one of the greatest truck-raising sections of the United States, as the result of its remarkably even temperature in the early months, and that fact made the Washington owners investigate its possibilities as a training ground.

The prying into Norfolk's weather history for the past ten years or so produced a favorable report, for it was found that the rainfall statistics did not indicate that there would be too much sloppiness. Also, while mild enough to encourage greatly the spring aspirations of onions, garden sash and poets, the climate of Norfolk is so enervating, and should the Nationals go there we may expect to see them perform in a most sprightly manner.

Wid Conroy deserves another chance. As a second choice to Norfolk, Manager McAleer has been tipped off to Macon, Ga. That is a little further South than he wants to go, but is not a bad place for such purposes. The conditions there are approximately nearer those in which the Washington team will start its real endeavors. It should be remembered that the Western clubs come East next year in the first big campaign, and with the exception of trips to Philadelphia, Boston, and New York, the Nationals will be at home for a month or so before they go out into the Big League country, where snowstorms in May are de rigueur and a straw hat is a curiosity until the middle of June.

It's a good thing for Gray that McAleer did not see him in some of the games he pitched.

Charley Murphy's blast for a longer baseball schedule was for advertising purposes only. The truth is, the number of games is more likely to be reduced than increased, but the best bet is that the schedule will remain as it is.

As for the National League presidency, the Brooklyn club wants the best man available for that position. Heydler was an able secretary, and it is up to the league to say whether he shall be retained as secretary. I have nothing against Heydler, and before I cast my vote for the Superbas, I will see that we get the best man in sight.

Murphy For Hart.
"I will not admit that Murphy spoke to me about Jim Hart or any other candidate, but I will say that a few months ago Murphy told me that he thought Hart would make an ideal president of the National League. Up to the present I have not said that I will vote for any particular man for this position. Show me the best man—he's the one who will get the Brooklyn club's vote."

Murphy, according to Ebbetts, probably will go back to Chicago today. He will not see John McGraw, because McGraw is in Baltimore and may not return to New York until Sunday. Brush would not do anything in the Kling matter without consulting McGraw.

It is now for years to come. When we happen to have a good and early spring and the ball teams are not in action, the fans fret and the clubs lose a bunch of money they would have obtained. If it is a cold, wet spring, after a long hard winter—such as a number of our best Republican politicians anticipate—the fans and space writers let out a terrible roar over the cruelty of commercially minded baseball players in pelling the poor dear ball players to ever way you turn it, and the present 154-game arrangement is a fair compromise. Manager McAleer, we may remark in passing, is inclined to favor 140 games. He would stop the first two weeks and start the proceedings about May 1.

Charles Hickman suggests that Jerry Downs be played at third base if Wid Conroy proves a weak sister.

It is time Al Herford woke up to the fact that if he is after Washington patronage for his Baltimore boxing matches, he had better get another attraction in the place of Young Britt. The followers of the game here are tired of that youth, who has acquired a habit of having all his engagements end in a dissatisfactory manner. He either fails or is fouled, or something else of the sort happens, and the Baltimore referees are entirely too much to the eagle eye in detecting the horrible outrages the other fellows try to put over on him.

A Washington fan knows he is taking a chance on making a long trip, giving up good money, and then receiving a lemon when he goes to Baltimore to see Britt. When he first started out, it was one of the most promising little clubs in the ring. He was clever, could hit, and could punish, but before he was well enough known to be a star at big clubs he had begun to queer himself by his would-be wise tricks. Herford himself ordered Britt and another youngster out of the ring at the Eureka Club one night. The Nationals will be in a lovefest instead of a boxing match in Baltimore, but not the Nationals. In a semi-windup, The Washington public will get a patronizing good bout in Baltimore, but not the Nationals. Unless that mistaken person starts in all over again and acquires a new reputation as a conscientious and willing worker.

Wake up, Herford! There is good money here, if you go after it right.

After ignoring it for a week, the New York papers are beginning to discuss the story that John McGraw was attempting to engineer a series of deals to land Kling, Magee, Kometechy, and possibly Reulbach for the New York National League club. When they did take notice, most of them jeered the report, but now that Charley Murphy is in New York holding mysterious conferences with John T. Brush and dodging newspaper men for the first time in his life, they're sadly coming to the realization that there must be something afoot, even if it never goes through. That Kling never was in New York is very probable, and that Donlin may be traded for Magee is also probable, despite the amusing serenade by the Philadelphia papers on the deal, but from afar it looks like the Kometechy proposition will hardly meet the sanction of the St. Louis club.

In the meantime, when we are to have the name of Stallings' successor as manager of the New York Americans?

No matter what the showing against the Carlisle Indians at American League Park in this city tomorrow, the George Washington University athletic management deserves credit for sticking to its football schedule despite many discouragements last winter, and in bringing the Indians here. Carlisle is always a subject of great interest to the football public, which wants to see the Redskins, because they invariably furnish plenty of action. They should draw a large and well-satisfied crowd tomorrow, and the larger the better.

SHOULD BE GOOD.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Nov. 5.—What promises to be a most interesting game of football will be played on the North Alfred street grounds here Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. between the undefeated Alexandria Athletic Club and the 1434 Coast Artillery.

UNCLE JOE CANNON A BASEBALL MOGUL

Speaker of House Wants to
Buy Central League
Franchise.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 5.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon is making an effort to obtain the franchise of the South Bend baseball club, of the Central League, and transfer the club to Danville, Ill. "Uncle Joe" is a town.

Speaker Cannon believes a good ball team would do more to advertise Danville than anything proposed in years. There are several other citizens of Danville in readiness to buy stock in the club, but "Uncle Joe" will control over half.

If the deal goes through baseball will have its most noted sponsor in years.

DAHLEN DISCUSSES HIS TRAINING PLANS

Brooklyn Players to Report
at Hot Springs on
March 1.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Bill Dahlen, the new manager of the Brooklyn National League team, announced today the itinerary of the spring practice trip. All the players are ordered to report at Hot Springs, Ark., on March 1, where the men will practice until March 20. About twenty-five players are expected to report.

On March 19 a team will leave for Memphis, where two games will be played with the Southern League nine. The full squad will meet a few days later at Chattanooga, where the first of the long list of exhibition games will be played. The list follows: March 19 and 20, at Memphis; March 24, 25, and 26, at Chattanooga; March 31, April 1 and 2, at Nashville; April 3 and 4, at Louisville; April 11 and 12, at Baltimore; April 14, picked team at Washington Park, Brooklyn.

PICK TENNIS TEAM TO PLAY AMERICANS

Brookes, Dunlop, Wilding, and
Sharp Will Defend
Davis Cup.

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Nov. 5.—Norman E. Brookes and Walter Dunlop, of Victoria; A. F. Wilding, of New Zealand, and Dr. Sharp, of New South Wales, have been selected to defend the Dwight F. Davis International Lawn Tennis Challenge Cup against the young Californians, Maurice F. McLaughlin and Melville H. Long, who are here from the United States as challengers for the trophy. Long and McLaughlin are in fine condition, and are showing excellent form in practice.

PENN-NAVY GAME IS NOT POSSIBLE

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—There is no possibility of Pennsylvania meeting Annapolis in a post-season game, as indicated in dispatches from Annapolis. Coach "Andy" Smith said today: "The Pennsylvania players are being drilled for a season ending on Thanksgiving Day, and I would not want to prolong the season an extra week." Manager Cheston said: "I have received no official request from Annapolis for a game, and so far as I know there is no chance of such a contest being arranged."

Timely Tips and Current Comment About Horses Which Are Prominent At the Fall Meeting at Pimlico

By J. H. ANDERSON.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 5.—The programs at Pimlico are holding up well and this afternoon's card is no exception.

Six races are in order, with good fields in each. For the opening event, a six-furlong dash, eleven are entered. Colonel Neville's Miss Perigord has been doing well in all races and may win here with Hacks the likely contender.

The second race, the Gentlemen's Driving Park Purse, brings out a field of six. If Stanley Fay is anywhere near as good a horse as the Westerners claim, he should win here, with Pins and Needles in the place.

In the third race, for two-year-olds, Belle Mawr and Phlorion look good. Provided Gay Decelerator, which ran and won yesterday, does not start. If the Garthilly starts he should win right back.

In the New Howard Steeplechase Lynwood looks best, with Osage a good place prospect.

The fifth race, an owners' handicap, brings some speedy ones together. Superstition ought to win here, with Taboo in the place.

For the sixth race Theo Cook and Emperor William look good.

The racing yesterday, while hardly of the high character of the day before, was of sufficient interest to entertain the big crowd to the very end. The Juvenile Handicap was perhaps the feature and brought out some of the best two-year-olds at the track.

Tips were plentiful in the race, and the talent was somewhat at sea. The most fancied horses in the race were Buz and Chickadee. Forez, always a quick breaker, led the bunch at the start, but weakened in the stretch, when G. M. Miller, well ridden by Grand, came through and won after something of a struggle with Scarpa. Last Saturday G. M. Miller was beaten by Forez and Buz.

B. JOHNSON FAVORS ABOLISHING SPIKES

Matter Will Be Discussed at
Next American League
Meeting.

CHICAGO, Nov. 5.—The American League, at its annual meeting next month, the exact date of which has not been decided, will take up seriously the question of abolishing spikes from the paraphernalia of the diamond.

President Johnson made that statement today, in discussing the probable problems which will be considered by the league owners this winter. He said it was hoped a suitable substitute for the spike now in use on the shoes of players would be discovered and agreed upon, for the purpose of eliminating at least a portion of the accidents which have marred the sport during the last season.

IRISH WRESTLER IS AFTER GOTCH

His Name Is O'Kelly, and He Says
He Is a Champion
Already.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—G. C. O'Kelly, who says he is the champion wrestler of Ireland, is in New York today. He has come over here chiefly for the purpose of trying to arrange a match with Frank Gotch. He is accompanied by his trainer, Joe Carroll, and by Jack Carroll, a famous Irish wrestler. O'Kelly is twenty-three years old, six feet four inches in height, and weighs 213 pounds.

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BIDS ARE GROWING FOR CHAMP BATTLE

Seattle Promoter Comes Forward With \$100,000 Offer for Bout.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Jim Jeffries' prediction that the club that gets the fight with Johnson will probably bid at least \$100,000 seems likely to be true when bids are opened here on December 1. Clarence J. Gerard, of Seattle, has wired Sam Berger that he is ready to post a certified check for \$100,000 for the match and is also willing to post a heavy forfeit that he can pull the match off without interference. Jeffries' plan of training includes Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler. The first month of training will be taken up with mauling and hauling around, and in this work Gotch is an expert. During the last two months Jeffries plans to have a series of the best heavyweights he can get to work with. "I intend to put three-ounce gloves on them and ten ounces on myself," he said, "and then turn them loose to fight as hard as they can."

O'BRIEN AND BIDDLE BOX IN FULL DRESS

Pugilist and Wealthy Sport Give
Exhibition at Charity
Affair.

CENTRALIA, Nov. 5.—Anthony Drexel Biddle and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien boxed three rounds on the stage of St. Ignace's Hall here last evening for the benefit of a fund to be devoted to the construction of a new fence about the parish cemetery, which contains the body of a nun sister of O'Brien. Following the benefit the millionaire pugilist and O'Brien each donated \$100 to the fund. They boxed in full evening dress.

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